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WASHINGTON, THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 18, 1916.

PRICE ONE CENT.

All U. S. Agents in Southern Republic Ordered to El Paso to Make Reports.

REAL FACTS WANTED HERE

Results of Meeting Will Be Transmitted Verbally Make Sure of Completeness.

First-hand information regarding conditions in Mexico soon will be in the hands of the Administration, as the result of a conference of American consuls called at El Paso

This information will be put in Major General Funston's hands and later brought personally to Washington.

The information and reports of the conference will be verbal, because the Administration wants without any reservation, which such a record might entail.

In some quarters the border conference is regarded as perhaps indicative of a change in policy toward Mexico. State Department officials claim there is no special occasion for the meeting, other than a desire to know the real truth on economic and political conditions in the interior.

## CONSULS CALLED.

The consula who will participate are Schmutz, of Aguas Callentas; Letcher, of Chihushus; Robertson, vice consul at Monterey; and Coen, acting vice consul at Durango. It is assumed that Edwards at Juar

ez will also be present, although he is not ordered to take part. The conwill report to General Funston. and at least one, probably Letcher, vill come to Washington to make

While the military situation remained encouraging, what information the State Department has obtained about conditions within Mexico is none too favorable, officials privately admit. The monetary situation, the renewed activity of Zapatistas, the scarcity of food at certain points, the existence of typhus at many cities and other facts reported in recent months to the State Department constitute the basis for the Administration's desire for broader in-

Reports of a fight below the Big Bend and the relief of the American captives Deemer and Payne caused rejoining among army men, who believe the early dispersal of the Big Hend raiders will now soon be accomplished.

#### American' Bodies Found in Mexico

Men Missing Since Glenn Springs Raid Dead, Cattlemen Report.

MARATHON, Tex., May 18.-The bodies of three American mining prospectors, missing since the battle of Glenn Springs, have been found near San Vicente in the Big Bend desert country by a posse of catt emen. This news was brought by William Sonson. a rancher, who arrived from the border today.

The names of the missing men are Harris, Woodson, and Bosworth.
Reports from other points along the border indicate that following renewed warning by United States consuls, Americans in large numbers are coming out of Mexico.

#### Obregon Denies Making Statement

MEXICO CITY, May 18.-Gen. Alvaro Obregon, minister of war, denied reports | message said: in circulation in the United States that he had expressed confidence that President Wilson did not contemplate war

with Mexico.

"Pease deny the report that I have made a public declaration of confidence that President Wilson does not contemplate war with Mexico," said General Obregon. "I have made no declaration, public or private, regarding international relations since leaving El Paso."

#### American Troops Beat Villistas at Own Game

FIELD HEADQUARTERS, NEAR NAMIQUIPA. Mex. (by courier to Co-lumbus, N. M.) May 18.—"When in Iumbus, N. M.) May 18.—"When in Mexico-go the Villistas one better."

That is the working policy of the Aucrican cavalrymen scouring northern Mexico for Pancho Villa and his band. Surprise attacks, "hide-outs" and all the other ruses of Mexican warfare (Continued on Second Tage.)

In Moliver Wilkes, feldest of three great granddaughters of Admiral Charles wilkes. for whom the vessel was named, was sponsor.

The Wilkes will be one of the largest torpedo boat destroyers in the navy. Her length is 316 feet over all, her beam 20 feet 6 inches and her contract speed 23% knots.

# Maiden Plunge at Cramps

United States torpedo boat destroyer Wilkes was launched here this afternoon at Cramps ship yard.

Basis of Exception Noted by Attorney Hogan.

NEW YORK CASHIER CALLED

Declaring that the court should not "judicial discretion," with which it is empowered against the de endants, Attorney Frank J. Hogan, of counsel for the defense in the Glove-Flather-Flather perjury trial today ob-lected to the recall to the witness stand of W. Morris Lammond, former kook-keeper of the defunct firm of Lewis Johnson & Co., brokers.

Mr. Lammond was recalled after Willam A. Mears, former member of the brokerage firm, and G. Edwin Gregory, cashler of the National City Bank, of New York, had been examined by the prosecutors relative to certain stock transactions in which the Riggs Bank officers figured.

Third Appearance. "After eight days we have gotten but afteen—only partly gotten but fifteen— of the more than 500 stipulated transactions cited in the Government's bill of

tions cited in the Government's bill of particulars before the court." declared Mr. Hogan when Assistant District Attorne, Archer asked that Mr. Lammond be recalled to the witness stand. It marked the third appearance of the witness during the trial.

"Is this case to be parceled up for the benefit of the prosecution." heatedly asked Mr. Hogan.

"I submit that the mede of trial is within the discretion of the court, but this discretion should not be exercised against the defendants who are presumed to be innocent until proven guilty."

Justice Siddons at this juncture stated that he believed that counsel was right if the general rule was to be followed.

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Nationals Determined to Make It Eight Straight Wins in Opener With Indians.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER. triple celebration is in store

the fans today at Georgia avenue. "Chick Gandil day" will bring hundreds of friends of the former firstsacker of the Griffmen. Walter Johnson, greatest twirler captivity, will decorate the mound

against the enemy. Winning seven games in succession the Griffmen today clash with the Cleveland Indians, who are leading the

league by twelve points. A victory for the home aggregation will put them out in front of the race. For several weeks a committee, com posed of W. K. Westen, Alex Gusdorf, and Vincent Gulli, has been collecting

money to make a suitable gift to the Cleveland first basemen. Today the presentation will be made when Gandil first comes to bat, and

then Johnson will proceed to show that Griff knew something when he sold 'Chick" to Cleveland. Johnson demonstrated Monday that he

was in marvelous form, and today he is expected to turn back the leaders and shove his own team up to the top of

Against him will be Stanley Coveleskie, brother of the Detroit southpaw. Young brother of the Detroit southpaw. Young Coveleskie is a right-hander, who has shown excellent class this spring, and he should be a capable opponent for the great Johnson.

By disposing of the Jungaleers yesterday, the Griffmen established a run of seven consecutive victories, the longest of the season for them. It put them

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#### Mine Sank Dutch Ship, Page Reports

Survivor Thinks Batavia Was Sent Down By Explosion, Ambassador Says.

That a mine explosion probably was responsible for sinking the Dutch steamer Batavia V. was reported by one of the survivors, Ambassador Page notifled the State Department today. His

message said:

"Batavia V., Dutch steamship, Tilbury to Rotterdam, with passengers and cargo, was sunk yesterday (Sunday) at noon. Luigi Martini Mancini, wireless expert, American clitzep, New Mexico (koswell), drowned. Samuel Howard Comstock, American citizen (Santa Monica Cal.), and John Joseph Kaleta, native American citizen, of Brooklyn, Marconi operator, were saved. Comstock thinks explosion was by a mine."

# Destroyer Wilkes Takes

PHILADELPHIA, May 18. - The

Retirement Association President Suggests Move at **Opening of Convention Here.** 

MEANS TO OBTAIN PENSION

Affiliation With Labor Body Urged as Way to Get Action in Congress.

Announcement that the United States Civil Service Retirement Association will consider affiliation with the American Federation of Labor was the surprise of the opening session of the annual convention of the association today.

This announcement was made to delegates gathered in G. A. R. Hall by Daniel Goldschmidt of New York, president.

"I must call your attention to the fact that we cannot induce the committee to report a retirement bill, and the question arises: What can we do to bring sufficient influence to bear to bring about the desired result?" he said.

"There is only one thing that I know of, since it is impossible to unite all the 400,000 civil service employes into one compact body, and that is to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor." INTERESTED IN SUGGESTION.

The suggestion created marked inerest among the delegates, and it will be the big issue at the afternoon session, which convened at 2 o'clock. This evening a mass meeting of Government employes will be held in G. A. R. Hall. Among the speakers will Senator Thomas Sterling, of South Dakota, and Congressmen William S Bennet and Walter M. Chandler, of New York; Edward Keating, Colorado; Peter F. Tague, Massachuretts, and Carl C.

F. Tague, Massachusetts, and Carl C. Van Dyke, of Minresotta. Many other public men have been invited.

President Goldschmidt said:

"The Borland rider was one of the best things that ever happened in Congress. It woke up the passive employes of the District, and forced them out of a lethargy which seventeen years of hard work, speeches, meetings and all kinds of retirement propaganda failed to do."

#### For Nolan Bill. Goldschmidt also urged the public sup-

port of the Nolan minimum wage bill. He recommended that the association go on record as advocating taking the po-sitions of postmasters, collectors of ports, and other employes "out of poli-tics and putting them into the civil service"

service."
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He scored employes of Washington departments for failure to co-operate in the association's work.

"It seems that the rank and file of the civil service in the city of Washington can be awakened only when confronted with some real and threatened danger to themselves and their personal emoluments," he asserted.

"An instance of this alarm was manifest by the famous Borland rider which contemplated the extension of the hours of labor with no provision for increased compensation or compensatory allowance for such labor."

Dr. Jordan approved the Keating measure to establish a civil service court to hear grievances of employes, hie suggested that efforts be made to get a plank for civil service pensions in the party platforms.

Colonel House For Pension.

Colonel House For Pension. William J. Etgen, of New York, read letter from Col. E. M. House, in shich he said "it gives me pleasure to express the hope that an adequte pen-

express the hope that an adequite pension bill properly protecting Government employes may be passed in the near future."

Another letter of similar purport was read from Senator Aghurst of Nevada.

A tilt occurred over the seating of a delegate from the employes of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

When the convention opened no delegate was present with credentials, and an effort was made to have J. B. De-Hart recognized as a delegate. Opposition was made to this, and Miss Florence B. Callahan, with credentials from the bureau, arrived. Effort to question her credentials was made on the ground that her dues were not paid up, but it was found she had paid them and payment had not been recorded.

# New York Man Is

# District Dealt Hard Blow In 1917 Budget Which Puts Bulk of Expenses on City

# \$3,500,000

**Bill Appropriates Little for Civic** Improvements Beyond the Essential Needs.

A RETRENCHMENT MEASURE

Commissioners Jurned Down in Several Important Recommendations, Report Shows.

The passing of the half-and-half plan, which has applied to the fiscal relations between the Federal and District governments for nearly forty years, was written into prospective law today when the District of Columbia appropriation bill was reported to the House.

That bill, carrying approximate ly \$3,500,000 less than the amount asked by the District Commissioners, provides that hereafter District revenue shall be exhausted before the contribution of the Federal Government to its Capital City begins. This is in line with the recommendations of the fiscal investigation last year.

The initial bill under the new system strikes a hard blow at the District. It is frankly admitted by the House Committee on Appropriations in its report that the District is expected to furnish 69.3 per cent of the authorized expendition the Federal Government will contest from the Federal Government by the frequent pleas made to him by well-meaning organizations that the Federal Government by the frequent pleas made to him by well-meaning organizations that the Federal Government by the frequent pleas made to him by well-meaning organizations that the Federal Gov

improvements beyond the most essential requirements. There is practically nothing in the measure that will add to the beautification or improvement of the National Capital, and consequently the Federal Government's contribution is nowhere near that of the District, whose revenues first are to be ex-

hausted.
In dollars and cents the District supports itself to the extent of about \$3,300.000 and the Federal Government trails along by supplying approximately \$3,600. While the District appropriation bill has a number of legislative "riders," mest of the legislation requested by the cemmissioners in their estimates is not included. The estimates of the city heads were slashed mercilessif: in fact the District budget is smaller than that of last year.

Some Salaries Increases. There is a sprinkling of salary increases for municipal employes and a promotion authorized here and there, but the bill in the main is one of retrenchment at the expense of the District of Columbia. "The whole sum appropriated by the bill," says the committee report, "including appropriations payable out of the revenues of the District and general Treasury resortively and Treasury, respectively, and the appropriations for the water service (payable wholly out of the water revenues), amounts to \$11.894.737.34, being \$3,578.939 less than the estimates submitted to Congress, and \$55,170.11 less than the whole appropriations made for the current fiscal year."

The amount carried, exclusive of the water service, is \$11,611.997.34. There is

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## Citizens May Urge Four D. C. Bills

Federation Asked to Press for Passage of Firemen's Pension and Other Measures.

Held In Irish Riots

Jeremiah C. Lynch Court-Martialed and Will Be Sentenced

Today.

LONDON, Mar. 18.—Feremiah C. Lynch, of New York, a naturalized American citizen, was arrested for participating in the Irish rebellion and courtmailfuled yesterday, the American consult at Dublin wired the embassy this afternoon.

Lynch was to be sentenced today.

sion and Other Measures.

Special request that the firemen's and there disband.

Oyster Growers Decide to Jump Price 10 Per Cent

ATLANTIC CITY, May 18.—The price of oysters is due for a 10 per cent jump within the next few months as the result of a conference held here yesterday by the Oyster Dealers and Growers' Association.

It was declared by delegates that a consult at Dublin wired the embassy this afternoon.

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## ESTIMATES REJECTED

In cutting out more than \$3,000,000 from the estimates of the District Commissioners, the House Appropriations Committee-

1. Rejected recommendations for the purchase of the Dean and Patterson tracts for parking purposes-\$1,125,000.

2. Cut estimates for public school buildings and grounds-\$500,000.

3: Disallowed estimates for municipal garbage plant, hospital, and lodging house. 4. Turned down request for several additional convenience

stations and also repairs at markets; 5. Rejected many proposed salary increases and minor repairs

at various District institutions. 6. Dropped projects for beautifying city.

7. Refused authorization for new Calvert street bridge across

8. Disregarded many recommendations for legislation, including those relating to supervision of Washington aqueduct, annual license fee for automobilists, annual assessments of real estate, control by Commissioners of Board of Charities, Board of Children's Guardians, and Board of Education and other provisions increasing general authority of the Commissioners.

# TO COMMAND WILSON IN ATLANTICITAFT PEACE LEAGUE

Fletcher to Get Shore Duty After Acceptance of Invitation Adds to June 19—Realignment of Ships.

Following a conference between Sec-etary Daniels and President Wilson toinquiry committee, which held an wil be reorganized, and a new commander named to succeed Admiral Fletcher.

# -Monster Airships

Each of New Craft Will Mount One of the Famous "Soixante-Quinze Guns.

PARIS, May 2 (b; mail).-Monster French air crusiers—each mounting one of the famous "soixante-quinze" guns, destructive at Verdun-will be in action against German's air forces before many weeks.
Successful experiments with this new terror of the air have just been completed.

pleted.

In all probability Sergeant Aviator Treili Grandseigne, hero of several recent air exploits, will pliot the first of the new battle planes. He has been directing the experiments in which huge aeroplanes have carried the "75's" in rehearsal of air battles.

#### HIGH SCHOOL CADETS WILL PARADE TODAY

Exhibition Drill and Review on Ellipse This Afternoon.

Headed by the Marine Band, the high school cadets will hold their annual parade, drill and review on the Ellipse south of the White House, this after-

noon.

There will be exhibition drills by the There will be exhibition drills by the various companies in close and extended order drills at 4 o'clock, and an hour later the cadets will pass in review before Brig. Gen. M. M. Macomb president of the War College, who will act as reviewing officer in the absence of Secretary Baker.

The President, Cabinet officers, and members of the Senate and House District committees have been invited to attend.

Following the review and parade, the two regiments will march down to south side of Pennsylvania avenue Ninth street and there disband.

Wave of Gossip Concerning End of War.

Contributing further to the wave of retary Daniels and President Wilson to peace goes that has swept through day it was learned the Atlantic fleet Wastington in the past week, President named to succeed Admiral speak at the New Willard Hotel on Admiral Mayo will succeed May 25 or 27 before the League of En-

willingness to revive mediation pro-posals.
It is thought that it was because of the lack of such indication that the President in his letter to Pope Benedict was unable to do more than echo the latter's expressed hope that the United States would find a way to keep out of the war and hold itself in readiness to act as peacemaker.

## Peace on War Footing,

LAKE MOHONK, N. Y., May 18.-"Put peace on a war footing," was the advice to the Lake Mohonk conference on international arbitration given at today's session by Herbert S. Houston, chairman of the committee on informa-

chairman of the committee on information.

"Advocates of peace must quit the forum for the field, if need be to fight, not to urge war, but to establish peace." Houston asserted. "Believing that peace between nations, just as does peace within nations, must rest on force, the league to enforce peace has flung a mighty challenge to establish peace, when the war ends, on a basis of justice and to maintain it through courts, upheld by international agreements and made effective by international forces."

George Haven Pulnam, of New York, also approved the idea of an international organization which should pool its military forces for the purpose of punishing, if need be, any violators of the international agreement by which all the nations were bound. He said trade bovoctts also would also would be a powerful weapon.

Alpheus H. Snow, of Washington, D. C., pronounced the plan of the League to Enforce Peace "impracticable and dangerous." and advocated simply an international federation to obtain peace without force, on arbitral lines.

## Daniels' 5-Year Program Changed

Five Cruisers and Twenty Submarines Recommended by House Committee.

The House Navy Committee today knocked out the five-year building program advocated by Secretary Daniels and agreed to authorize construction of five battle cruisers and no battleships, instead of two battleships and two cruisers as recommended by the Secretary. the Secretary.

The committee also voted for twenty

## Fishing Smack Sunk.

LONDON, May 18.-The fishing smack Research has been sunk. One of her crew was killed and two injured. The rest were landed.

Bernstorff Instructs Consuls to Impress Citizens With Duties to United States.

SPECULATION IS AROUSED

Instructions Believed to Have Come From Berlin-Harm to Cause Was Feared.

The first step in the new German campaign to stop lawlessness by Germans in the United States was announced by Ambassador Bernstorff today. The embassy made the following formal state-

"In consequence of cases that have occurred of late, German Ambassador Bernstorff sent instructions to all the German consuls in the United States to strongly impress on German citizens living in their districts that it is their duty scrupulously to obey the laws of the States in which they reside."

Although von Bernstorff would not have issued such instructions without direction from Berlin, it is known that he was instrumental in showing the German foreign office the wisdom of such a policy.

He has for some time argued with Berlin officials that, notwithstanding Germany's official disclaimer of responsibility for German violations of American laws, such independent acts were doing the German cause in America a great deal of harm and that it would be wise for Germany to take even more energetic ste vince the United States that she was in no way responsible what

had occurred. CAUSES SPECULATION.

Today's action caused much secular tion in Washington as to he much further the German governmen any so n the matter. Carl W. Ackerman, United Press staff

correspondent, in a dispatch from Berlin last Saturday told of steps being considered. "A quiet movement to squeet Ger-man plotters and propagandists in the United States has been under way for

some time," he said. "Though the German govern disclaimed all responsibility for t of bomb plotters in the United Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg that some sort of drastic action should Advice Given at Mohonk be taken to convince Americans that Germany has nothing to do with the

## Says Pope Asked End of U-Boat War

Sir Edward Gree Tells House of Commons Vatican Made Rep-

resentations to Germany. LONDON, May 18 .- Sir Edward G. y. British foreign minister, told the Hou. of Commons this afternoon : at he has been informed that the Vatican has made representations to Germany, requesting an abandonment of submarine warfare.

#### French Troops Capture Position Near Hill 304

PARIS, May 18 .- French troops stormed and captured a small, well-defended German fort northeast of Hill 304. In a sharp attack on the German positions northwest of Verdun at 3 o'clock this morning, the war office announced today.

At the same time French detachments captured a German trench on Hill 287, west of Hill 304, killing or imprisoning all of the occupants.

captured a German trench on Hill 25, west of Hill 30, killing or imprisoning all of the occupants.

These successful French attacks followed the repulse of strong assaults on French positions northwest of Verdun in fighting that continued throughout the night.

"After important artillery preparation, the Germans made several attempts during the night to capture a French redoubt in Avocourt Wood," said the official statement. "They were repulsed by our infantry fire. The German losses were most heavy."

Between the Oise and the Aisne, a strong German reconnoissance was dispersed.

Aviators on both sides continued very active during the night. German squadrons bombarded Luneville, Epal and Belfort doing only sight damage, Early yesterday French aeroplanes dropped eighty shells on Mets and the Sabions railway station.

BERLIN. May 18.—Three French attacks in the region of Hill 304, were repulsed, the war office announced this afternoon.